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Case 8173

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Serial No. 09/620,867

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Group Art Unit: 3651

Filed: 21 July 2000

Examiner: Mark A. Deuble

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS UTILIZING SERVO MOTORS FOR PLACING PARTS ONTO A MOVING WEB

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of 11 October 2001, Paper Number 5, applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete and replace the designated paragraphs with the replacement paragraphs in clean form herewith submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii). The location of each paragraph to be deleted and replaced is identified on the page of the replacement paragraphs in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of each replacement paragraph marked up to show the change relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 through 12.

Please amend Claim 24 to read as herewith submitted on a separate page in its clean form in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(i). A version of the amended claim marked up to show changes is also herewith submitted on a separate page in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

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